

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 11-13, 15-17, 19, 24-26, and 29-32 remain pending. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to address the dependency error noted in the Office Action.

As the prosecution has been closed pursuant to Ex Parte Quayle, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

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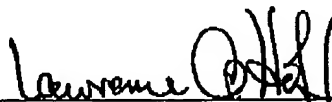


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